
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION EXERCISE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most isolated community in the world
2 with its nearest neighbor no less than 2,200 miles away; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State is largely dependent on sea and air
5 transportation for the importation of goods, including
6 agricultural products, and depends heavily on cyberspace for the
7 exchange of information; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii has never experienced a major disaster that
10 has simultaneously affected critical sectors of the community
11 such as government, first responders, military, sea and air
12 transportation, finance, commerce, medical services, and
13 agriculture or a disaster event that affected the entire
14 community over an extended period of time; and
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16 WHEREAS, if such a major disaster were to occur, it is
17 unclear whether the State will have the resiliency to overcome
18 it in a timely, efficient, and safe manner; and
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20 WHEREAS, every year, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
21 of the State Department of Defense holds a statewide hurricane
22 preparedness exercise called Makani Palihi to evaluate the
23 resiliency of the State in the face of a hurricane; and
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25 WHEREAS, in the past, these Makani Palihi exercises have
26 not considered the effects of other types of major disasters,
27 widespread devastation, or effects on multiple sectors of the
28 community; and
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30 WHEREAS, the resiliency of the State after a major disaster
31 is dependent on all sectors of the community working and



1 communicating together to effectuate an efficient, timely, and
2 safe recovery; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii
7 Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Defense, with
8 cooperation from the Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and
9 International Studies and the Department of Health, is urged to
10 develop and implement a statewide emergency management
11 simulation exercise that includes all sectors of the community;
12 and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
15 Agency shall submit a report on its findings and
16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2017; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
22 Adjutant General, the Director of Health, and the President of
23 the Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International
24 Studies.

